

# Milwaukee County COVID-19 Response

Committee on Judiciary, Law Enforcement, and General Services

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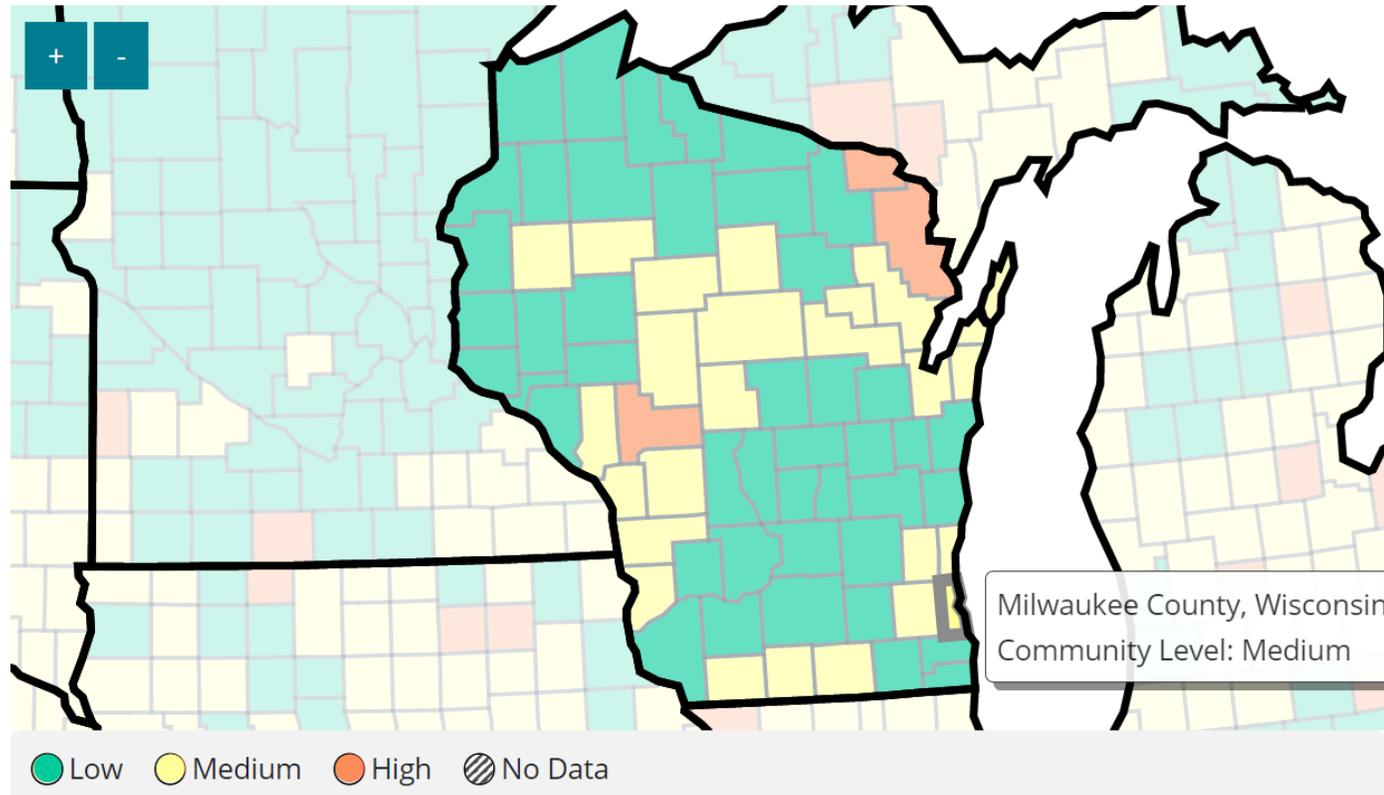


# Today's Presentation

- Current COVID-19 conditions in our community
- Recent COVID-19 mitigation steps
- Other actions that are in process
- Ongoing next steps



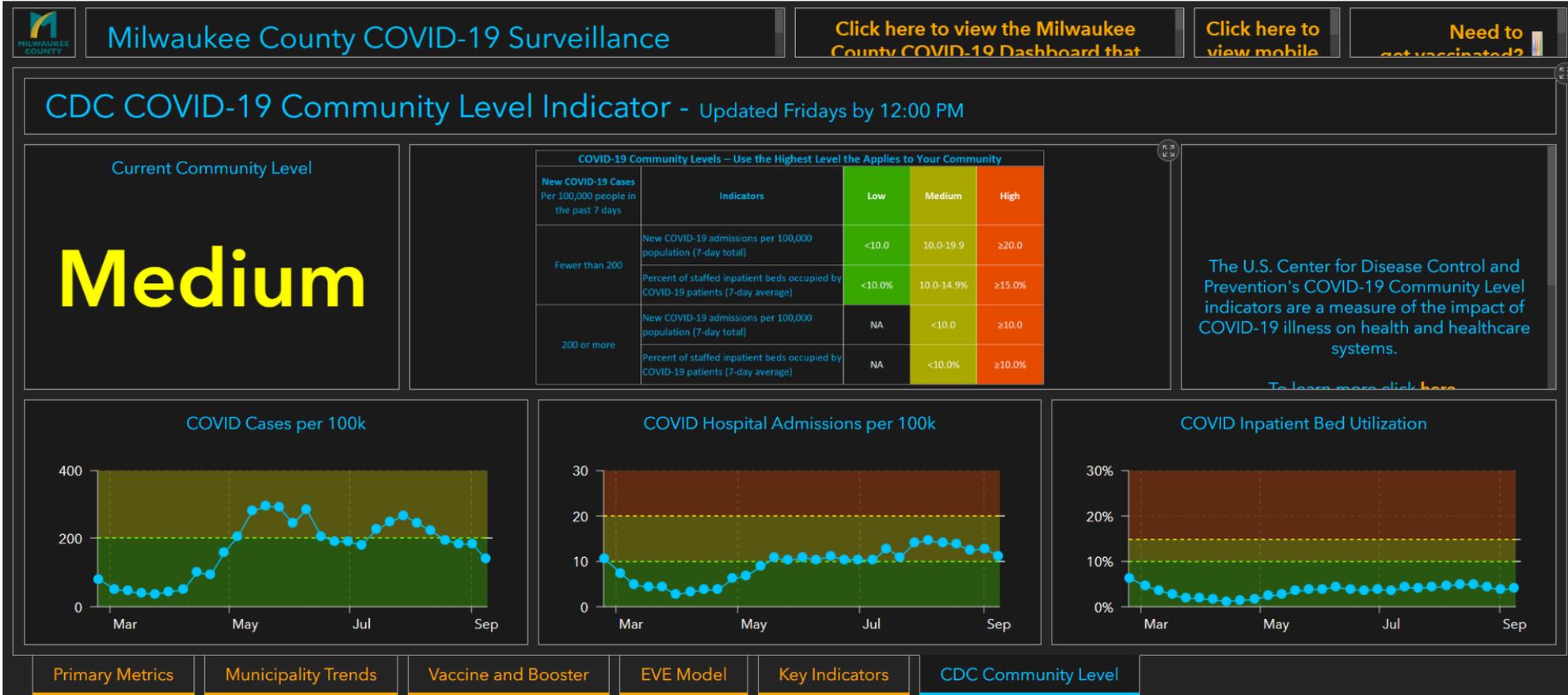
# CDC - COVID-19 Community Levels



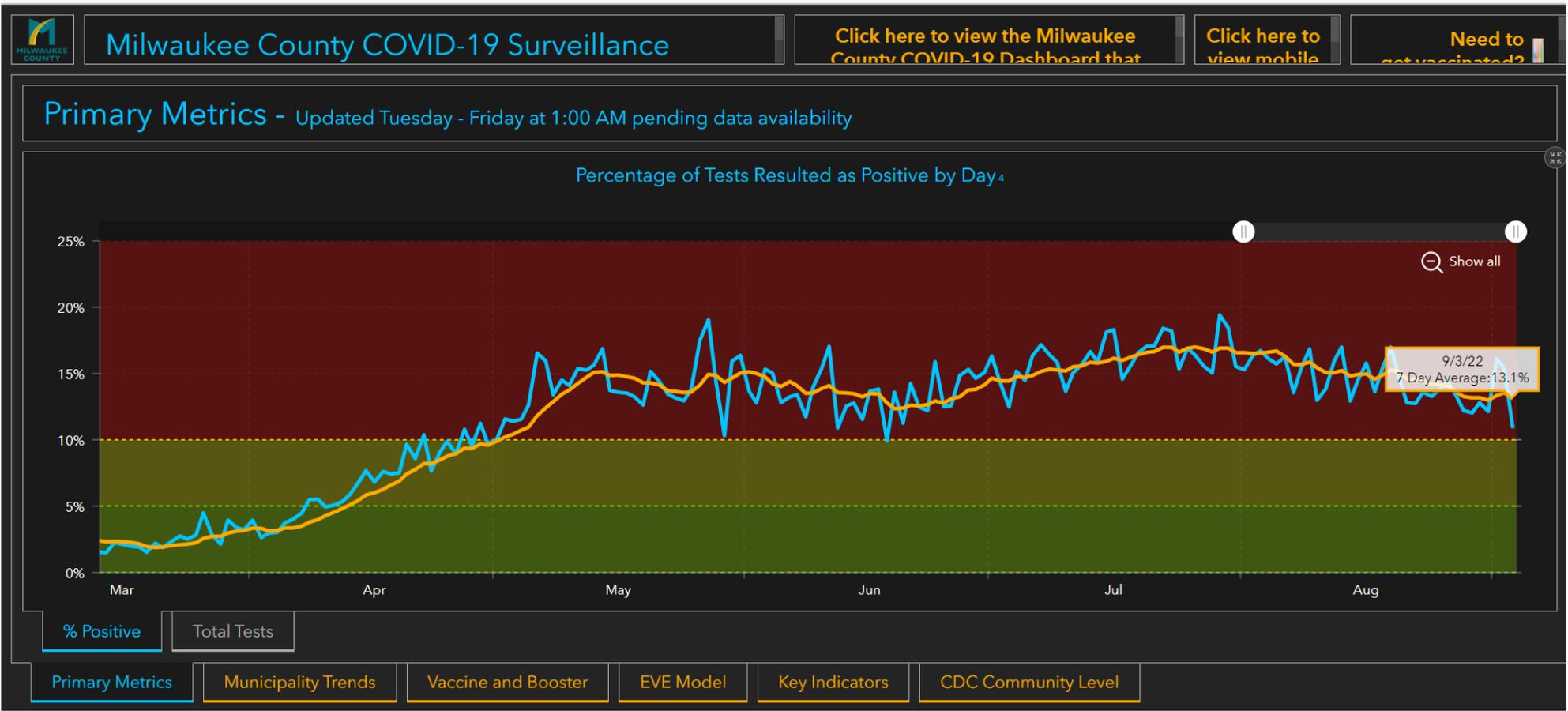
- New Admissions Rate = 11
- Hospital Capacity = 4%
- Case Rate = 138.8
- Milwaukee County is classified as “Medium” risk



# CDC - COVID-19 Community Level Trends



# Additional COVID-19 Data – Positivity Rate



# Recent Changes – Implemented August 19

Milwaukee County's CDC community risk level changed to "medium" on August 18 prompting the following changes:

- Updated masking guidelines to "medium"
  - Many non-public and some public areas returned to "no mask required"
- Updated capacity guidelines to "medium"
  - Telework remains an option for some employees
  - Limit unnecessary in-person indoor gatherings

*No changes to mitigation guidelines for High-Risk facilities*



# Launched COVID-19 Heroes



[COVID Heroes \(milwaukeecountywi.gov\)](https://milwaukeecountywi.gov)



# Other Updates – CDC August 11 Update

- Continues to promote the importance of being up-to-date with vaccinations
- Updated exposure guidelines – no differentiation between vaccinated and unvaccinated
  - High quality mask for 10 days
  - Test on Day 5
- Isolation guidelines – testing positive
  - Isolate for 5 days
  - Fever free and symptoms improving – end isolation
  - Symptoms continue – isolate through day 10



# Other Updates – CDC August 11 Update cont.

- Regardless of when isolation ends – avoid those most at risk at least through day 11
- Continue to emphasize the importance of high-quality masks
- Physical distancing is *one* component of protection – consider the risk level of the setting

Supporting documentation on the internet has been updated

- Exposure decision tree
- Positive test decision tree



# Other Updates – Updated Booster Approval

- FDA approved an update to the COVID 19 vaccine on August 31
- CDC recommended for approval on September 1
- First update to COVID-19 mRNA vaccines since December 2020
- Bivalent vaccine – addresses original COVID strain and omicron variants
- Pfizer/BioNtech – available to everyone 12 and older
- Moderna – available to everyone 18 and older
- Working with Dr. Weston on an all-employee communication explaining the booster and encouraging employees to consider it



# Other Updates – DHS COVID Testing Support

- Earlier this year the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) launched a COVID 19 Testing Support for Jails and Municipal Lockup Facilities program
- Program is funded through a grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- The County applied to the program earlier this summer and on August 31 learned our application was accepted
- Help defray significant COVID testing expenses at the HOC and the Jail



# Next Steps

- Continue to closely monitor Milwaukee County COVID-19 levels
- Take the appropriate action, in consultation with and under the advisement of Dr. Weston, Chief Health Policy Advisor
- Provide ongoing reporting and updates to the Board of Supervisors



Thank you!



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